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For: INJECTABLE HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE WITH

PHARMACEUTICALS/CELLS

## REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIM FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reviewing the above-identified application file upon allowance, the undersigned has noted that the Examiner has not acknowledged the claim for foreign priority of International Application No. PCT/IB99/02077 filed on December 21, 1999 which was claimed on January 6, 2004. Applicants enclose a copy of the transmittal letter filed on January 6, 2004, which was printed from the Patent Application Information Retrieval database, which indicates the Applicants claim. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the claim for foreign priority and the certified priority document.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: As noted

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